

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 12-23 are canceled, as these claims were withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 7 is also canceled.

New claim 24 is added. Support for this new claim is found, for example, in FIG. 5.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6, 8-11 and 24 are currently pending.

**II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-6 AND 9-11 UNDER 35 USC 102(B)
AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY TAKAZONO (JP 02001055202A)**

Claim 1 is amended to recite that "said recording medium includes an identifier tag capable of electromagnetically storing said information and readable in a non-contact fashion through a resonance phenomenon of radio waves". Please note that claim 7 is canceled.

The cited reference does not disclose or suggest this feature.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

**III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-6 AND 10 UNDER 35 USC 102(E) AS BEING
ANTICIPATED BY SACCHETTI (US PATENT NO. 6,588,666)**

Claim 1 is amended to recite that "said recording medium includes an identifier tag capable of electromagnetically storing said information and readable in a non-contact fashion through a resonance phenomenon of radio waves". Please note that claim 7 is canceled.

The cited reference does not disclose or suggest this feature.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

**IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-11 UNDER 35 USC 102(E) AS BEING ANTICIPATED
BY MARUHASHI (US PATENT NO. 6,817,797)**

The present application is a National Stage of a PCT application filed July 25, 2003, and which claims foreign priority to a Japanese application filed August 7, 2002. Therefore, the foreign priority date of the present application is prior to the filing date of Maruhashi.

A verified English translation of the priority Japanese application is submitted herewith.

The only rejection of dependent claim 8 was in view of Maruhashi. As this rejection should now be overcome, it is respectfully submitted that claim 8 includes allowable subject matter. Please note that claim 8 is amended herein to be in independent form, and should now

be allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

V. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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